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Draft report

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Addendum

Chapter _____. Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

1. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 2 at its 1st to 4th and _____ meetings, on 3, 6 and 17 March and _____ 2000. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (E/CN.6/2000/PC/2 and corrigenda);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on the comparative report on how different categories of projects and programmes of United Nations organizations include women's interests and gender mainstreaming issues and on resources allocated in this regard (E/CN.6/2000/PC/3);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on emerging issues containing additional material for further actions and initiatives for the preparation of the outlook beyond the year 2000 (E/CN.6/2000/PC/4);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General on the results of regional meetings held in preparation for the special session of the General Assembly (E/CN.6/2000/PC/6 and Add.1-5);

(e) Letter dated 11 February 2000 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled

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"Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (E/CN.6/2000/PC/7);

(f) Note by the Secretariat on the draft provisional agenda and organizational matters for the special session of the General Assembly (E/CN.6/2000/PC/8);

(g) Note by the Chairperson of the preparatory committee on the establishment of the list of speakers for the debate in plenary of the special session of the General Assembly (E/CN.6/2000/PC/9);

(h) Letter dated 29 February 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Peru to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Lima Consensus and the resolutions adopted by the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean at its eighth session, Lima, 8–10 February 2000 (E/CN.6/2000/PC/10);

(i) Note by the Secretary-General containing a summary of the WomenWatch online working groups on the 12 critical areas of concern of the Beijing Platform for Action (E/CN.6/2000/PC/CRP.1);

(j) Note by the Secretariat containing a summary of the general debate by the Commission on the Status of Women at its forty-fourth session on agenda items 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women) and 4 (Comprehensive review and appraisal of the implementation of the Platform for Action (E/CN.6/2000/PC/CRP.2).

2. The Preparatory Committee held a general discussion on the agenda item at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 3 March.

3. At the 1st meeting, on 3 March, statements were made by the representatives of Portugal (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), Namibia, Côte d'Ivoire, Luxembourg, Denmark, China, Cuba, Botswana, Zambia, Swaziland, Thailand, Canada (also on behalf of Australia, Iceland, Japan, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland and the United States of America), Algeria, Morocco, Venezuela, the United States of America, the Philippines and Madagascar.

4. At the 2nd meeting, on 3 March, the Director of the Division for the Advancement of Women of the United Nations Secretariat made a statement.

5. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Viet Nam, Solomon Islands (also on behalf of Fiji, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu), the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ecuador, Ghana, Pakistan, the Sudan, Kenya and Zimbabwe.

6. Also at the 2nd meeting, the Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women made a statement.

7. At the same meeting, the observer for the Commonwealth Secretariat also made a statement.

8. Also at the 2nd meeting, the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations made a statement on behalf of the Inter-Agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality of the Administrative Committee on Coordination.

9. At the same meeting, the representative of the World Food Programme made a statement.

10. Also at the 2nd meeting, the observer for the Inter-Parliamentary Union, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, also made a statement.

11. At its 3rd meeting, on 6 March, the Preparatory Committee held a panel discussion and dialogue on "Outlook on gender equality, development and peace beyond the year 2000", under agenda item 2. It heard presentations by the following panel of experts: Yoriko Meguro, Professor at the Department of Sociology, Sophia University, Tokyo (Japan); Rosalba Todaro Cavallero, economist and researcher at the Centre for Women's Studies, Santiago de Chile (Chile); Carolyn McAskie, Emergency Relief Coordinator a.i., and Deputy to the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs of the United Nations; and Krisztina Morvai, Assistant Professor of Law at Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest (Hungary).

Action taken by the Commission acting as the preparatory committee

Draft decisions E/CN.6/2000/PC/L.3 and E/CN.6/2000/PC/L.4

12. At its 2nd meeting, on 3 March, the Preparatory Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Arrangements regarding participation of

non-governmental organizations at the special session of the General Assembly entitled 'Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century'" (E/CN.6/2000/PC/L.3) and a draft decision entitled "Arrangements regarding accreditation of non-governmental organizations to the special session of the General Assembly entitled 'Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century'" (E/CN.6/2000/PC/L.4), both submitted by the Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee.

13. The Preparatory Committee was informed that the draft decisions contained no programme budget implications.

14. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee recommended the adoption of the draft decisions by the General Assembly (see chap. _____, sect. ____, draft decisions I and II).

Draft political declaration contained in document E/CN.6/2000/PC/L.5

15. At its 4th meeting, on 17 March, the Preparatory Committee had before it the text of a draft political declaration (E/CN.6/2000/PC/L.5), submitted by the Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee.

16. At the same meeting, the Vice-Chairperson, Misako Kaji (Japan), in her capacity as facilitator of the negotiations on the document, informed the Preparatory Committee of revisions made to the text as a result of informal consultations.

17. The Preparatory Committee then recommended to the General Assembly at its twenty-third special session the adoption of the draft political declaration, as orally revised (see chap. _____, sect. _____, draft resolution).

18. After the adoption of the draft political declaration, the representative of the United States of America made a statement.

Draft decisions I and II contained in document E/CN.6/2000/PC/L.6

19. At its 4th meeting, on 17 March, the Preparatory Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Provisional agenda" and a draft decision entitled "Organizational arrangements for the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (both contained in E/CN.6/2000/PC/L.6), both submitted by the Vice-Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee, Rasa Ostrauskaite (Lithuania), on the basis of informal consultations.

20. The Preparatory Committee was informed that the draft decisions contained no programme budget implications.

21. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee recommended to the General Assembly at its twenty-third special session the adoption of the draft decisions (see chap. ____, sect. ____, draft decisions I and II).

Documents relating to agenda item 2

22. At its 4th meeting, on 17 March, the Preparatory Committee took note of the following documents under agenda item 2:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (E/CN.6/2000/PC/2 and corrigenda);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on emerging issues containing additional material for further actions and initiatives for the preparation of the outlook beyond the year 2000 (E/CN.6/2000/PC/4);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on the results of regional meetings held in preparation for the special session of the General Assembly (E/CN.6/2000/PC/6 and Add.1-5)

(see chap. ____, sect. ____, decision 2000/PC/1).

Draft decision E/CN.6/2000/PC/L.7

23. At its 4th meeting, on 17 March, the Preparatory Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee" (E/CN.6/2000/PC/L.7), submitted by the Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee.

24. The Chairperson made a statement.

25. Following statements by the representatives of Pakistan, the Holy See, the Syrian Arab Republic, Morocco, Mexico and Cuba, the Preparatory Committee recommended to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the draft decision (see chap. ____, sect. ____).